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House Bill No. 5305

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The Committee on Children reported through REP. URBAN of the 43rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING CADMIUM LEVELS IN CHILDREN'S JEWELRY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 21a-12d of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) As used in this section:

4 (1) "Cadmium" means elemental cadmium and any compounds or
5 alloys which contain cadmium; and

6 (2) "Children's jewelry" means any jewelry, including charms,
7 bracelets, pendants, necklaces, earrings or rings, and any component
8 thereof, that is designed or intended to be worn or used by children
9 twelve years of age or younger.

10 (b) [Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, on] On and
11 after July 1, [2014] 2016, no person shall manufacture, sell, offer for sale
12 or distribute in this state any children's jewelry that contains cadmium

13 at more than .0075 per cent by weight.

14 (c) The provisions of this section may be enforced, within available
15 appropriations, by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	21a-12d

KID *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect
Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - Delays Cost

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill delays costs of \$11,250 until FY 17 associated with testing for elemental cadmium in children's jewelry. Under current law the testing for elemental cadmium in children's jewelry would commence on July 1, 2014. The bill delays the cost of testing for two years. It is estimated that approximately 75 tests per year would be done at a cost of \$150 per test.

The Out Years

As the bill delays the testing to FY 17 there is no out year fiscal impact.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5305*****AN ACT CONCERNING CADMIUM LEVELS IN CHILDREN'S JEWELRY.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill delays, for two years, the ban on manufacturing, selling, offering for sale, or distributing in Connecticut children's jewelry containing more than .0075% (by weight) of elemental cadmium, or compounds or alloys containing it. Under current law, the ban begins July 1, 2014.

By law, children's jewelry means jewelry designed or intended to be worn or used by children under age 13. It includes charms, bracelets, pendants, necklaces, earrings, or rings, and any of their components.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Cadmium***

The U. S. Department of Health and Human Services has determined that cadmium and its compounds are human carcinogens. A few studies in animals indicate that the young absorb more cadmium than adults. Animal studies also indicate that the young are more susceptible than adults to a loss of bone and decreased bone strength from exposure to cadmium.

Related Bill

SB 84, favorably reported by the General Law Committee, bans the manufacture, sale, offer for sale, or distribution of children's jewelry that exceeds the applicable ASTM standard for children's jewelry.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Committee on Children

Joint Favorable

Yea 7 Nay 5 (03/11/2014)